

MANITOBA

# ANNUAL REPORT

*Assembly* (of the)

*Manitoba* LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY (AND ARCHIVES)

(for 1970 )

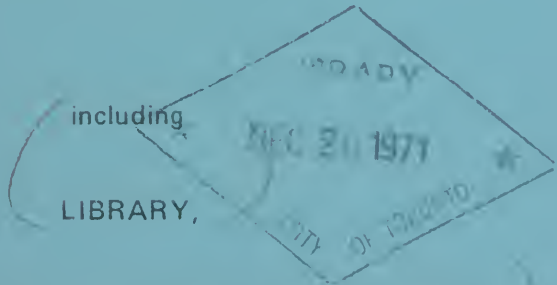
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DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES under THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT





REPORT OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY AND PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

Honourable Peter Burtniak,  
Minister i/c of  
The Legislative Library Act.

Sir,

In accordance with "The Legislative Library Act", R.S.M. 1970 Chapter L120, I have the honour to present the Report of The Legislative Library for the calendar year 1970.

This annual report comprises the report of the Legislative Library and the report of the Provincial Archives and Public Records Branch as well as the report of the Library serving the Department of Health and Social Development. This library is also under the direction of the Legislative Librarian, and funds are included in the estimates of the Legislative Library for its operation. Funds are also included in these estimates for public library service but, since this service functions under "The Public Libraries Act", R.S.M. 1970, Chapter P220, the annual report of the Director of Libraries is appended as a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clementine Combaz*

Legislative Librarian.



REPORT  
OF THE  
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1970



## LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Manitobans in 1970 have recalled and relived with great and justifiable pride the outstanding events of the past century marking the hundredth anniversary of the entry of the Province into Confederation. The foundation of the Legislative Library is historically as interesting as the foundation of the Province of Manitoba. The Legislative Library is Manitoba's second established library. It is appropriate to observe that it had its origin in the same year the Province was created, the year 1870.

### HISTORY

Even before this date, from the earliest days of the Red River Settlement, the people showed a keen interest and real need for library service. The first Annual Report (1885) of the Legislative Library gives the historical background leading to the foundation of the Red River Library in 1847.

*"... the year after the arrival of the Sixth Regiment in the then young colony of the Red River settlement . . . The officers in charge of the troops were mainly instrumental in starting this Pioneer Public Library. Their efforts in this direction were nobly seconded by a number of leading settlers . . . The first books for the Red River Library arrived from England in the summer of 1848, via the Hudson Bay Route, . . . It is not stated how many volumes were in the consignment, but old settlers say that there must have been at least 1,000 books. The outlay was covered by a grant from the Council of Assiniboia, and a subscription taken up among the settlers."*

This annual report goes on to note that

*"The Archibald Library may be said to have been the origin of the existing Legislative Library of Manitoba . . ."*

Prior to leaving Ottawa to assume the duties as first Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Adams G. Archibald entered into an agreement with Alpheus Todd, Parliamentary Librarian at Ottawa, asking him to select books from Great Britain and the United States for a parliamentary library for use in Government House. The Lieutenant Governor, after the arrival of the books, asked the new Council if they wished to make the collection the nucleus of a legislative library. On the twenty-fifth day of November, 1870, an Order-in-Council was passed agreeing to pay the bill for the books which were to be "the foundation of a library for use of the Legislature." The Legislative Library was given legal status in 1885 when the Legislative Assembly approved "The Act respecting the Library of the Legislature of Manitoba." After the enactment of the Legislative Library Act a permanent Provincial Librarian was appointed. There have been four Provincial Librarians, J. P. Robertson, 1884-1919; W. J. Healy, 1919 - 1937; J. L. Johnston, 1937 - 1955; and Miss Marjorie Morley, 1955 - 1970.

## RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The Legislative Library (known by tradition as The Provincial Library) holds a distinct position in the field of library service in Manitoba for many reasons.

It provides a specialized service to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as its primary function, and to the Departments of Government as its secondary function.

It has one of the finest and most valuable collections of rare volumes and early writings on the exploration, history of the fur trade, colonization of Manitoba and the Canadian North-West, as well as an extensive collection of local histories of the villages, towns, cities and municipalities of Manitoba.

The Library has an almost complete file, probably the only one in existence, of the daily and weekly newspapers published in the province from its earliest period. These local newspapers contain invaluable source material of the political, economic, social and cultural developments of the areas in which they were published.

Its collection of political, historical and biographical scrapbooks relating to the history of the Province dates back to 1884.

The Library contains one of the most comprehensive collections of government documents in Canada. From its beginning a reciprocal exchange system was established with governments, institutions and learned societies for their publications. Throughout the years this reciprocal exchange has been maintained. As a result:

The Library contains one of the most nearly complete sets of annual and special reports of the Federal and Provincial Governments dating back to Confederation which may be found in any Legislative Library in Canada.

The Library receives the printed publications of the United States Government from the International Exchange Service of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. The origin of this service is of sufficient interest and historical importance to explain the circumstances as a matter of record. It was through Donald Gunn, who was a corresponding member of the Smithsonian Institution, that these publications were offered to our province. Donald Gunn was a member of the first Legislative Council of Manitoba which was formed in 1870. In a letter dated October 16, 1858, to Donald Gunn from Spencer F. Baird, then Assistant-Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, we read: "I have been requested by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to acknowledge more specifically than customary the receipt of the valuable meteorological records sent by you from the Red River Settlement . . . Will you have it in your power to make a few collections of Natural History for the Smithsonian Institution . . . The Institution would be under very great obligations for such collections and would reciprocate in all ways at its command especially by forwarding to you such publications of this Institution and of government as you may desire."



The Library has a complete set of the Parliamentary Debates of the British House of Commons which date from v.1, "The Parliamentary history of England" 1066 - 1803 'from which last-mentioned epoch it is continued downwards in the work entitled "The Parliamentary Debates".' It has also the complete set of the Debates of the House of Lords from v.1, 1909. In addition the sets of the Journals of the House of Lords are complete from the folio v.1 of "Rotuli Parliamentorum" of Edward, R.I., dated 1273 to volume 183, 1950 - 51, and those of the House of Commons from volume 1, 1547 "in the first year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth" to volume 207, 1951 - 52. Relations were established with the British Museum and through its courtesy the Library continues to receive the Official Debates, Command Papers, etc.

The Library is also a designated depository library for the publications of the United Nations and the International Labour Office.

Altogether the Library received in 1970 some 25,000 documents from various sources. It has continued to serve as a distributing centre for Manitoba documents to 45 libraries on a reciprocal exchange basis as well as to 35 public libraries in the province. This year the distribution included the Revised Statutes of Manitoba 1970 in five volumes sent to 38 libraries. The total number of titles distributed was 129 which comprised 1727 documents.

Until this year there has been no checklist of Manitoba government publications. In celebration of centennial year, the Library decided to issue a "Checklist of Publications of the Government of Manitoba," received in the Legislative Library in 1970. It is proposed to continue publication of a checklist three times a year.

An unprecedented use was made of the library's resources during Manitoba's Centennial Year. The commemorative celebrations stimulated and revived a remarkable interest in Manitoba's history by our citizens as well as those in other provinces. There was a constant demand for material on the North-West Rebellion of 1869, the role of Louis Riel, and events and personalities leading to the formation or birth of the province. The 300th anniversary of The Hudson's Bay Company occasioned many requests for the history of this Company, the publications of the Hudson Bay Record Society, and The Beaver Magazine. The research committee of The Winnipeg Art Gallery used our early Canadian periodicals and newspapers extensively in the search for background material for their exhibition of "150 Years of Art in Manitoba". Many former residents, returning to Manitoba to join in the festivities, paid a visit to the library to search in our newspapers, and in the historical, political and biographical files for information of the notable events of the past, or highlights of the history of their locality, etc.

While there was a great demand for retrospective materials, there was an equal demand for current material. The requests for information reflected the programmes of the federal, provincial and municipal governments, current events and developments. Among the subjects that were focal points of

interest may be noted: automobile insurance, age of majority, consumer credit protection, wildlife resources, status of women, rural-urban migration, pollution, financing of political parties, ethnic groups, urban renewal, tax reform, bilingualism, invasion of privacy, riots, lotteries, foreign investments, human rights, Indian rights, federal grain policies, northern development, etc.

Largely because of a growing public awareness of its collections and services, there is an increasing demand made on the reference staff members. There were more than 11,000 reference enquiries, excluding the ready-reference type, in 1970 compared to 9,573 in 1969. Interlibrary loan requests in 1970 from other libraries amounted to 266 compared to 222 in 1969; the library borrowed from other libraries 212 compared to 140 in 1969.

With the large quantity of documents, books, pamphlets, periodicals, microfilms, etc., received by the library it becomes necessary to use a number of short-cuts in organizing this material. Full use is made of government publications catalogs and indexes of various organizations. Full cataloguing is done for books and for reports of special committees and commissions and for publications on subjects included in the government programme. These numbered 1039 in 1970. Simplified cards and location cards are placed in the files for other materials. For each new item catalogued in full an acquisition notice is sent to the National Library in Ottawa. A list of "Selected Accessions" is prepared semi-annually and distributed to members of the Legislature, departmental officials, other interested persons and to various libraries.

As the library's collections expands with consequent growing use of its resources, the need for more space increases steadily every year. The lack of space has been a crucial problem for many years, and the situation reflects Walt Whitman's statement in his poem "Miracles": "Every cubic inch of space is a miracle" containing twice as much material as it has room for.

In 1970 the government purchased the Winnipeg Auditorium Building which it proposes to remodel as The Provincial Library and Archives Building. As a result the library will be able to undertake a reorganization of its collections and expansion of its services.

## CENTENNIAL YEAR PUBLICATIONS

One of the most noteworthy achievements of Manitoba's Centennial Year is the record of local histories published on the villages, towns, cities and municipalities of the province.

The Manitoba Centennial Corporation included among its projects, grants for the publication of local histories on the same basis as it allocated funds for other community projects. In many parts of the province advantage was taken of this wise and generous provision. As the Provincial Library contained the best and most valuable source material, e.g., local newspaper files, periodicals, scrapbooks with historical and biographical data, etc., it was used during centennial year as a research centre to an even greater extent than usual. The local history committees formed in some communities and, in some cases, individual authors, made extensive use of our resources in the preparation of manuscripts. The great value of such local histories is that they represent a permanent record of the past in our province that otherwise might well be lost forever.

## A Bibliography of Manitoba

The library's project to commemorate Manitoba's centennial year is the publication of "A Bibliography of Manitoba", a compilation by Miss Marjorie Morley of books, pamphlets, reports and periodicals from the classified holdings of the Legislative Library. It is expected that this bibliography now being printed will be a valuable aid to those doing research on the history of the province.

Mention may be made of the publication of the "Historical Atlas of Manitoba", prepared by John Warkentin and Richard Ruggles, and of "The Centennial History of Manitoba", by James A. Jackson, under the auspices of The Manitoba Historical Society. Special centennial editions and many historical articles were carried in the newspapers throughout the year containing such valuable information on such subjects as the early pioneers, the first schools, post offices, stores, municipal offices, and the community Centennial celebrations. Such historical publications, whatever their nature or form, are deserving tributes to the people who settled our prairies and who helped lay the foundations on which our future as a province now rests. Some of these local histories published in 1970 and received in the Library are listed in an Appendix to this report.

### MISS MARJORIE MORLEY

Miss Marjorie Morley, Provincial Librarian and Director of Libraries, retired from this position on September 30, 1970. Notwithstanding her decision for early retirement, Miss Morley had given thirty-five years of uninterrupted service to the Province of Manitoba. She commenced her service in the Department of Public Works in 1935 and in 1944 became a staff member of this library. From the time she obtained her professional librarian's degree in 1947 to 1955 she was the senior staff member. She was appointed Provincial Librarian in 1955 to succeed the late Dr. Leslie Johnston and at the same time was appointed the first Director of Libraries under The Public Libraries Act.

Under her direction the resources and the activities of the Legislative Library were greatly enlarged and expanded. The high and deserved reputation it enjoys today is due, in large measure, to her planning and leadership.

Her professional activities extended far beyond her responsibilities as Provincial Librarian and Director of Libraries. She was President of the Manitoba Library Association 1962-63, chairman of several committees and, under her direction, members of this Association have compiled a book of "Biographies of Manitoba" for publication this year. She served as a member of the Council of the Canadian Library Association for three years and as chairman of various sections and committees.

Her many years as a librarian were marked by a continuing effort to improve the standards of library service not only in the Legislative Library but throughout the province. To this end she devoted her energies, talents and enduring interest. The success she achieved is the measure of her accomplishment.

## ADMINISTRATION

On March 4, 1970 the administration of the Legislative Library Act was transferred from the Department of Youth and Education to the authority of the Honourable Philip Petursson, Minister of Cultural Affairs. With his retirement on November 6, 1970, the Department of Cultural Affairs was placed under the jurisdiction of the Honourable Peter Burtniak of the Department of Tourism and Recreation. The Legislative Library, the Provincial Archives, and The Public Library Service are now separate administrative units of this Department. With the retirement of Miss Marjorie Morley, the combined position of Legislative Librarian and Director of Libraries has been divided into two separate positions: (1) Legislative Librarian and (2) Director of Libraries.

Miss Clementine Combaz, Chief Reference Librarian since 1955, was appointed to succeed Miss Morley in the position of Legislative Librarian on October 1st. At the same time she was given responsibility as Acting Director of Libraries pending a permanent appointment to this position.

The members of the staff are to be commended for their response to the unusual demands of this past year. May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clementine Combaz*

Legislative Librarian.



## APPENDIX

Some local histories received in the Legislative Library in 1970:

Beresford.	Beresford Centennial Committee Memories of Beresford
Dauphin.	Dauphin Historical Society Dauphin Valley spans the years
Elgin.	Elgin Centennial Committee Echoes of Elgin
Fort Garry.	Shipley, Nan Road to the Forks; a history of the community of Fort Garry
Lyleton.	Davidson, Connie, comp. Gnawing at the past
Medora.	Medora Women's Institute Glimpse through the years; history of Medora district
Millwood.	Bily, Lila M. History of Millwood, 1886 - 1970
Newdale	Newdale Historical Society Newdale, 1870 - 1970
Oakburn.	Oakburn Centennial Committee Echoes; Oakburn, Manitoba 1870 - 1970
Oakland.	Rome, J. B. and Davis, Connie Oakland echoes
Ochre River.	Ochre River Women's Institute Between mountain and lake; a history of Ochre River Rural Municipality, 1885 - 1970
Pembina Mt.	Roy, Marie Anna A. La Montagne Pembina au temps des colons; historique des paroisses de la region de la Montagne Pembina et biographie des principaux pionniers
Portage la Prairie.	Collier, Anne M. Portage la Prairie, 1870 - 1970
Rathwell.	Rathwell Historical Committee Twixt hill and vale; a story of Rathwell and surrounding district
Spearhill.	Jardine, L. Jean, comp. Speaking of Spearhill; memoirs of a village
Strathclair.	Strathclair Centennial Committee Our story to 1970 [Rural Municipality of Strathclair]

- Thompson. Venables, Alex  
Muskeg to metropolis; Thompson, Manitoba, 1957 - 1970
- Vidir. Vidir Ladies Aid  
Beyond the marsh [a history of three rural school  
districts, Vidir, Lowland and Sylvan Glade]
- Virden. Whiteford, Jean L.  
Virden review, 1957 - 1970
- Waskada. Waskada Centennial Committee  
Sequel to Waskada memoirs
- West-Inter-  
Lake  
District Lindell, Lucy, comp.  
Memory opens the door; history as told by pioneers of  
the central West-Interlake area
- Winkler. Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce  
Winkler, 1970

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## PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

Manitoba's Centennial Year was, not unexpectedly, the busiest and most diversely eventful twelve months ever experienced by the Provincial Archives. In respect to organization the Provincial Library and Archives began the year as the responsibility of the Minister of Youth and Education; on March 4, 1970 they were transferred to the Minister of Cultural Affairs; and on November 6, the Department of Cultural Affairs was incorporated into the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The Centennial celebrations stimulated a great interest in Manitoba's history, not only among residents of the province but also among Canadians in all the Provinces and Territories. Reference enquiries in the form of telephone calls and correspondence increased to an unequalled level; the archives staff wrote 1338 letters in 1970 compared to 1006 in 1969; recorded telephone calls increased from 1987 in 1969 to 2864 in 1970; the number of personal research visits increased by 211 over the previous year, from 1384 to 1595.

Particularly heavy demands were made on the photograph collection by the C.B.C., C.T.V., the National Film Board, the Canadian Exhibition Commission, the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, Canadian book publishers and in increasing numbers by private individuals. The number of photographs copied increased by more than 40%; from a previous record of 3226 in 1969 to 4575 in 1970. The great amount of time spent in attempting to meet public demand inevitably meant that staff had less time to spend on internal archival activities such as organizing and preparing finding aids to our various collections.

Nevertheless one major project was completed in December when Miss E. A. Blight, Assistant Archivist, completed the indexing of the voluminous papers of the Hon. Thomas Greenway, Premier of Manitoba 1888 - 1900; a task which she commenced almost three years before. The typing of the finding aid to the Greenway Papers has now begun.

In addition to purely archival work the Centennial invoked the staff in a great many unusual activities. The Provincial Archivist and the two Assistant Archivists, Mr. B. E. Hyman and Miss E. A. Blight, undertook a number of speaking engagements during the year. The Provincial Archivist served as one of the judges of the Centennial Photograph contest and as chairman of the judges of the Farm of the Century Contest, which resulted in the discovery that the farm of James R. Hourie at Poplar Point, first settled by Philip Hourie in 1859 is the oldest Manitoba working farm still in the possession of the same family.

The Archives was deeply involved in many of the conferences that met in Winnipeg during 1970. The Provincial Archivist, as Chairman of the Archives Section of the Canadian Historical Association, was a member of the planning committee for the Association's annual meeting held at The University of Manitoba from June 2nd to 6th and was responsible for arranging and managing several of the events on the programme. He served as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee of the Second North American Fur Trade Conference held at Winnipeg, from October 1st to 3rd. Also he was in charge

of local arrangements for the Canadian Conference on Historical Resources which convened in Winnipeg from October 4th to 7th. Every member of the Archives staff helped with the preparatory work, registration and administrative duties of the latter two conferences, altering holiday arrangements to suit the conference schedules; a consideration of very great assistance in their successful functioning.

## SCHULTZ PAPERS

For the Provincial Archives perhaps the single most outstanding event of the Centennial year was the opening of the papers of Sir John Christian Schultz, K.C.M.G., 1840 - 1896; Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, 1888 - 1895, which had been deposited by the Royal Trust Company in 1950, on condition that they remain sealed until June 1st, 1970. Because of the controversial nature of Sir John Schultz's long and influential career in the public life of Manitoba, and particularly because of his role in the years 1869 - 70 as leader of the "Canadian Party" at Red River and as the principal opponent of Louis Riel, the opening of his papers excited an unusual degree of public interest. Consequently it was decided to make their opening the Provincial Archives' public "centennial event".

On June 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the Manitoba Room in the Legislative Building the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the Hon. R. S. Bowles took the same knife which had been smuggled to the then Dr. Schultz and with the aid of which he escaped from imprisonment in Fort Garry in January, 1870, to cut the cords and break the seals on the two antique metal document boxes containing the Schultz Papers. The Minister of Cultural Affairs, the Hon. Philip A. Petursson presided over the ceremony which was covered by newspapers, television, and a film crew compiling a record of the Centennial. Guests included the President of the Canadian Historical Association, Dr. Fernand Ouellet, officers of the Manitoba Historical Society and a large number of persons representing Sir John Schultz's many interests and activities; medicine, education, business, the Anglican Church, free masonry, and provincial and federal politics. One of the guests, Mr. Duncan McLean of Winnipeg, had been taken prisoner by Chief Big Bear at Fort Pitt during the 1885 Northwest Rebellion, along with the rest of his family. Fortunately the Schultz Papers proved to contain items of considerable importance about Sir John's youth in Ontario, his business activities, his lieutenant-governorship of the District of the Keewatin and political activities during the 1880's. Following the opening of the Schultz Papers the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Ben Hanuschak and Mrs. Hanuschak, entertained the invited guests at a reception in the Speaker's Chambers.

## DISPLAYS

At the beginning of 1970 the Archives received many enquiries about the availability of visual historical displays. To meet this demand Miss E. A. Blight undertook to select and arrange material for five display boards illustrating subjects such as Manitoba's first legislature, transportation, Louis Riel and the events of 1869/70. Twenty school and church groups borrowed the displays which were on loan for a total of 75 days.

The Winnipeg Art Gallery borrowed 17 paintings and drawings from the picture collection to display in the "150 Years of Manitoba Art" exhibition, which was hung in the Legislative Building from May until September.

#### STAFF

Mrs. Megan Owen joined the Provincial Archives staff on February 23, 1970 as a Clerk Typist. Apart from the addition of her position there were no staff changes during 1970.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

The survey of the Manitoba buildings of architectural merit and historical significance continued to operate from the Provincial Archives from May to September. It was again sponsored, for the sixth summer, by the Manitoba Historical Society, the Manitoba Association of Architects and The University of Manitoba. Mr. Andrew D. Little and Mrs. Gillian Moir were the summer students employed, Mr. Little for the third time and Mrs. Moir for the first. Mr. Little concentrated on photographic work within Metropolitan Winnipeg while Mrs. Moir undertook the bulk of background research on the building and the organization of the factual and photographic material.

#### DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

The Documents Committee, of which the Provincial Archivist is chairman, met twice during 1970 to consider, amend and approve records disposal schedules submitted by the Manitoba Hospital Commission and the Department of the Attorney-General. Mr. B. E. Hyman acted as Secretary to the Committee.

#### ACQUISITIONS

Acquisitions of significance were made to all the archival collections during the year; manuscripts, maps, pictures, photographs and public records.

Of particular interest are the papers of Marc-Amable Girard, 1822-1892, which were purchased at auction in April from Christie, Manson & Woods (Canada) Ltd. of Montreal, Girard was the first premier of Manitoba under any meaningful interpretation of responsible government, and the only French-Canadian premier the province has ever had. He also held office as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Agriculture, and was a member of the Canadian Senate from 1871 until his death in 1892.

The Centennial year closed in a very appropriate and satisfying manner when Dr. Fred C. Bell of West Vancouver B.C. presented a miscellaneous collection of materials, once the property of his father, the distinguished Winnipeg man of affairs and scholar, Charles Napier Bell, to the Provincial Archivist on the afternoon of December 31st. These included 19th century printed documents concerning the Council of Assiniboia and the Hudson's Bay company, correspondence, photographs of the 1890's and permission to copy C. N. Bell's diary of an 1873 trading trip to the western plains.

The Manitoba manuscript "find" of the year was a diary written by Louis Riel between March and April 1885. It was discovered by Mr. Eric Wells of Winnipeg who deposited it in the Provincial Archives from April 6th to November 19th and who very kindly permitted the Archives to microfilm and to make a xerox copy of it.

The Rev. Fr. Leo Couture, rector of St. Norbert also permitted the Archives to microfilm the original journal kept by Fr. N. J. Ritchot during the negotiations at Ottawa in 1870 for Manitoba's entry into Confederation.

Previously it was believed that the original Ritchot Journal had been destroyed when the St. Norbert rectory burnt some years ago.

A large number of photographs, (3,305 prints and 2,739 negatives) were accessioned, over two thirds of them coming from the collection of the Department of Highways. Mr. Scott Bateman arranged for the copying of a large number of early photographs of northern Manitoba dating from the northern expansion of the province's borders in 1912. The Government Photographer deposited in the Archives albums of colour prints covering in detail every aspect of the 1970 Royal Tour.

Several drawings of the Hon. Alfred Boyd, the first member to be appointed to Manitoba's Executive Council in 1870, were purchased from Mitchell Galleries of Toronto. They date from the 1860's and include sketches of a buffalo hunt, indians ice fishing in winter and wild life.

Three tapes were added to the audio visual collection, each of them connected with Centennial events.

School district records have continued to arrive at the Provincial Archives throughout the year in considerable number, as the detailed accession list appended indicates. They have been frequently used to answer requests coming from all parts of Canada and the United States for data concerning proof of age and the amount of education received.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John H. Boyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Boyd" clearly distinguishable.

Provincial Archivist.



**ASSOCIATIONS**

**Manitoba Dental Association**

History of, written by J. G. Elsey, 1950.

**Selkirk Hospital Auxiliary for Recreation and Education**

Correspondence, newsletters, bulletins, clippings, membership lists and pictures, 1949 - 1956. Presented by S.H.A.R.E. through the initiative of Mrs. J. A. Laing, Winnipeg.

**BELL, Charles Napier (1854 - 1936)**

Miscellaneous documents relating to the North West Company, Hudson's Bay Company and Council of Assiniboia, 1796 - 1870; correspondence, 1884 - 1887, and printed articles. Presented by Dr. F. C. Bell, West Vancouver, B.C.

**BRACKEN, John (1883 - 1969)**

Speech notes, 1920 - 42; published lectures, 1917 - 19; daily journals, 1924 - 33, 1937 - 40; correspondence, clippings and notes, 1922 - 25, 1932 - 35, 1950 - 53. Presented by Mrs. John Bracken, Manotick, Ontario.

**CANADA — Post Office Department**

6¢ Manitoba Centennial Commemorative Postage Stamps (3 panes);

6¢ Louis Riel Commemorative Postage Stamp (2 panes).

Presented by the Canada Post Office Department.

**CHURCH — Anglican Church of Canada, Archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land**

Journals and correspondence of Archdeacon Robert McDonald, 1861 - 1904; Minutes of Church Missionary Society Finance Committee, 1850 - 1887; St. John's College accounts and reports, 1920 - 1934, diary of Rev. R. Hunt, 1849 - 51; correspondence and diaries of Bishop Reeve, 1869 - 1925; notes of Tukudh language and mission. Deposited in the Archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land by Mrs. C. T. Best, Winnipeg.

Reminiscences of Rev. Benjamin McKenzie, c1920. Presented by Rev. T. C. B. Boon.

**CHURCH — Lutheran — Breiduvik-Hnausa**

Register of baptisms, marriages and deaths, 1901 - 56. Records and saga of the congregation, 1876 - 1956. Presented by Miss G. Finnsson, Gimli, Manitoba.

**CHURCH — Lutheran — Hecla**

Mikley Congregation register of baptisms, marriages and deaths, 1901 - 1952. Presented by Miss Gudrun Finnsson, Gimli, Manitoba.

**CHURCH — Lutheran — Riverton**

Registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths, 1902 - 50; record books, 1885 - 1967; annual reports 1961 - 65. Presented by Miss G. Finnsson, Gimli, Manitoba.

**DEACON, Thomas Russ (1865 - 1955)**

Correspondence, clippings and reports relating to the Greater Winnipeg Water District, 1897 - 1918, his terms as Mayor of Winnipeg, 1913 - 14; and militia orders and nominal lists of the C.E.F., 1914 - 16. Presented by Dr. & Mrs. A. E. Deacon, Winnipeg.

**EASTERN MANITOBA DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Correspondence, minutes and financial records, 1958-1969. Presented by Mr. H. Loewen, Steinbach.

**FLINN, George A.**

Diary, March 24 - June 10, 1885; correspondence, 1885, 1891, 1914, 1935; reminiscences of North West Rebellion, written in 1935. Presented by Mrs. J. R. McGee, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**FUR TRADE**

**Fort Pelly**

Miscellaneous papers relating to Swan River District Outfits, Manitoba Post Outfit, 1855 - 69. Presented by Mr. E. J. Eden, Erie, Colorado.

**GIRARD, Marc Amable (1822 - 1892)**

Correspondence, journals, legal and business papers and scrapbooks of M.A. and Mme. Girard, 1836 - 1960. Purchased at Christie's (Canada) Auction, Montreal.

**GUNN, Donald**

Letter to his daughter, Mrs. A. M. (Janet) Muckle, April 26, 1875. Presented by Miss Anne Henderson, Winnipeg.

**HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY OF MANITOBA.**

**McWilliams Essays.**

**Barber, Paul**

Class Conflict in Winnipeg Civic Politics: The Role of the Citizens' and Civic Election Organization, 1919 - 69.

**Benito**

Benito District History, written by Grade XI history Class, Benito Collegiate, 1967.

**Borgfjord, Lenore**

Williams Ivens and the Labor Church, 1918 - 1927.

**Butcher, Dennis L.**

Rev. Dr. Salem G. Bland: A study of his activities and influences in the politics, reform, church and society of Manitoba and Western Canada, 1903 - 1919.

**Cloutier, N. Paul**

The Emergence of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Manitoba, 1932 - 36.

**Cloutier, N. Paul**

The Hudson Bay Railway: A Political Expedient.

**Comeault, Gilbert Louis**

Archbishop Langevin, Schools and Politics in Manitoba, 1895 - 1915.

**Cooper, Joy**

The Red Light District in Winnipeg: An issue in civic politics, 1903 - 1910.

**Lysak, E.G.**

A History of the St. Boniface Cathedral — Basilica.

**McCormick, D.**

The Dissolution of the Coalition: Roblin's rise to leadership, 1949 - 54.

**McKenzie, Paul M.**

The Boundary Question in Manitoba and its Political Implications, 1870 - 1912.

**Newman, James Forbes**

Depression Attitudes . . . in Southwestern Manitoba, 1930 - 34.

**Off, Patricia**

Nellie McClung, 1880 - 1914.

**O'Gorman, Kathleen**

The Winnipeg Civic Elections of 1919 and 1920: A comparison.

**Palmer, Gary D.**

Christmas in Winnipeg, 1930 - 34.

**Ross, Arthur**

The Provincial Election of 1936: Militancy vs Reform; A discussion of the election of Jim Litterick.

**Spigelman, Martin**

Bilingual Schools in Manitoba and their Abolition, 1916.

#### **INKSTER, John**

Grant of Probate and last will and testament, 1874. Copy, received from Surrogate Court, Law Courts Building, Winnipeg.

#### **MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST LOAN COMPANY**

Director's attendance book, 1880 - 1906. Presented by Rev. J. A. Hoskin, Peace River, Alberta.

#### **MANITOBA POOL ELEVATORS LIMITED**

Certificate of incorporation, 1927; membership lists and minute books of the Franklin Co-operative Elevator Association, 1927 - 1969. Presented by Mr. Oliver Douglas, Minnedosa.

#### **MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN**

Minutes, correspondence, reports, briefs, accounts, membership lists and a scrapbook, 1949 - 1967. Received "on deposit only" from Miss A. V. Patrick.

#### **MILITARY**

**[Papen], R.**

Duty ration book, 1918. Presented by Mrs. C. C. Hodgson, New Westminster, B.C.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Manitoba Free Press**

Letter from Mrs. G. F. Carter, June 6, 1928 regarding her grandfather Duncan McRae and the construction of St. Andrew's Church. Presented by Mary Scorer, Winnipeg.

### **[Mills, E. R. R.]**

Manuscript notes on the Stony Mountain buffalo herd of Col. S. L. Bedson. Presented by Mr. V. Gorman, St. Vital.

### **Mills, Thomas**

Letter from R. M. Traill, 1894, thanking Mills for caring for the buffalo that wandered from Silver Heights. Presented by Mr. V. Gorman, St. Vital.

### **Van Blaricom, Earl Winfield**

Family tree of the Van Blaricoms of Nova Scotia, c1783 - 1969. Copied from original in possession of Mr. E. W. Van Blaricom, Kelowna, B.C.

## **PRUDHOMME, Jules**

Manuscript entitled "Winnipeg as seen by a City Solicitor", 1920 - 42. Received from the Manitoba Centennial Corporation.

## **RED RIVER DISTURBANCES**

### **Ritchot, Noel-Joseph**

Notes on the Red River Disturbance, 1869; journal, March 24 to May 28, 1870; correspondence, 1870 - 78. Microfilm copy prepared from originals at Parish Rectory, St. Norbert. Restricted use.

### **Volume, William S.**

"Reminiscences of the Red River Expedition of 1870", being a talk given by Capt. Volume in 1914. Xerox copy presented by Mrs. E. Paterson, Winnipeg.

## **RED RIVER SETTLEMENT**

Minutes of a public meeting held at St. John's school house regarding the opening of the road between the settlement and the Lake of the Woods, September 17, 1858. Presented by Mrs. Roy Daniels, Vancouver, B.C.

### **Council of Assiniboia**

Petition to the Governor and Council to appoint from the different sections of the Settlement a "House of Representatives", March 27, 1851. Received from the City of West Kildonan.

### **Pelly, Robert Parker**

Agreement with Michael Gatien to construct a building for the carpenters, February 24, 1824. Presented by Mrs. M. Lockhurst, Lethbridge, Alberta.

### **Sutherland Family**

Correspondence of Alexander and John Sutherland families, 1795 - 1899; correspondence and geological papers of Roderick Ross Sutherland, 1936 - 45. Xerox copies presented by the Public Archives of Canada.



## **RIEL, Louis**

Journal, March 26 to May 10, 1885. Microfilm copy made from original in possession of Mr. Eric Wells, Winnipeg.

## **RUTTAN, Henry Noland (1848 - 1925)**

Correspondence and certificates, 1863 - 93; notebook, 1863 - 64; letter-books, 1876, 1880 - 83, 1896 - 1909; account book, 1883; clippings re Winnipeg's water power and supply, 1887 - 89, 1903, 1908; and articles by H. J. Ruttan, 1864 - 75. Presented by Mr. J. D. Ruttan, Charleswood.

## **SCHULTZ, John Christian (1840 - 1896)**

Personal correspondence, 1858 - 91; official correspondence, 1887 - 1891; Keewatin correspondence, reports and accounts, 1888 - 1892; title deeds and indentures, 1882 - 1903; Red River Disturbance clippings, 1870; and Mackenzie Basin clippings, 1888. Deposited by the Royal Trust Company, 1950. Opened June 1, 1970.

Letter from William Leggo, December 29, 1887. Copied from original in possession of Mr. G. L. Leggo, Winnipeg.

## **SETTLEMENT & PIONEERS**

### **Carruthers, Frank (1853 - 1883)**

Correspondence, 1871 - 81; map of west side of Main Street north from Portage Road, c1875; first day cover Regina to Winnipeg flight, 1928. Purchased at Gray's Auction Mart, Winnipeg.

### **Hall, Mrs. Robert**

Letter from Robert Hall, Pointe du Chene, 1875. Presented by G. H. Thomson, Vancouver.

### **Kieper, Charles Edward (1880 - 1967)**

Reminiscences of a pioneer settler in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, written in 1954. Copied from original in possession of Mrs. D. Groff, Winnipeg.

### **Larose, Dr. Arthur**

Reminiscences of the Larose family and The Pas, 1902 - 1930. Presented by Mrs. A. M. O'Reilly, Rockford, Alberta.

### **McPherson, Roger**

Letter from J. A. McPherson re: freighting goods by Red River Cart from Winnipeg to Edmonton, 1881. Copy presented by F. M. McPherson, Vancouver.

### **O'Keefe, D.C. & W.C.**

D. C. O'Keefe's record of surveys, 1871 - 77; W. C. O'Keefe's police magistrate record book, 1908 - 15; joint cashbooks, 1867 - 1908, 1874 - 1931; J. J. Langford land sale register, 1909 - 1921; certificates 1861, 1900 and 1908. Presented by Frank O'Keefe, Grandview.

### **Tolton Family**

Geneology of the William and Harriet Tolton family. Presented by Rev. H. G. Tolton, Winnipeg.

## **SETTLEMENT & PIONEERS – Icelandic**

Record books of Nordurlgos (Northern Lights) Library, 1887 - 1969; funeral sermon and poem written on the death of the three sons of Mr. & Mrs. Baldoin Jonsson, 1884. Copied from originals in possession of Miss G. Finnsson, Gimli.

## **SISLER, William James**

Notes on the Inter-lake District, miscellaneous notebooks and scrapbooks, 1909 - 1951. Presented by Mrs. W. J. Sisler, Winnipeg.

## **STREIGHT, Harvey Newton**

Correspondence, memoranda and reports as District Judge Advocate-General, Military District No. 10; and Director of Prisoners of War, 1940 - 45. Presented by Manitoba Law School.

## **WINNIPEG COUNCIL OF WOMEN**

75th anniversary booklet 1969; officers' report, 1969; federated societies report, 1968 - 69; annual report, 1970; and National Council year books, 1941, 1953, 1968 - 69. Placed "on deposit" only" by Miss M. Martin, Winnipeg.

## **WOMEN'S MUSICAL CLUB**

Correspondence, 1913 - 66; annual reports, 1906 - 1960; programmes 1905 - 65; visitors' books, 1907 - 59; minute books, 1901 - 66; financial records, 1901 - 46; clippings, scrapbook, tickets, flag and metal box. Deposited by Mrs. G. G. McKay, Winnipeg.

## **PUBLIC RECORDS**

### **Department of Health and Welfare – Advisory Commission**

Minutes and appendices, 1945 - 62; special committee minutes, 1946 - 49; representative units minutes 1949 - 51; public and municipal services statistics, 1936 - 44; Hospital Council of Manitoba minutes, 1945 - 51; and progress reports, 1943 - 52.

### **Department of Labour**

Report re: The Council of Industry, May, 1920 to November 1922. From Sessional Papers, 1922.

### **Department of Public Works**

Plans and specifications for the Provincial Library, New Parliament Building, Winnipeg, 1914 - 17; correspondence between G. Gardet and F. W. Simon re: the Golden Boy, 1915 - 16; and submissions for the illumination of the Legislative Building, 1964 - 67.

### **Department of Youth and Education – Administration Branch**

Half-yearly attendance reports, 1915 - 66. Microfilm copy.

### **Legislative Assembly**

Sessional Papers, 1871 - 1887. Microfilm copies.

### **Legislative Library**

Papers re: Library administration, c1940 - 70. Restricted use.

### **Manitoba Liquor Enquiry (Bracken) Commission**

Correspondence, reports, expense accounts, publications, etc., 1954 - 57. Received from the Public Archives of Canada.

# SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REGISTERS

Name	S. D. Number	Years
Alfred (1)	554	1933-43, 1947-65
Alfred (2)	1920	1947-65
Alonsa	1920	1932-33, 1936-60, 1965-66
Ancrum	329	1905-09, 1913-14
Arawana	917	1922-23, 1957-65
Armit	1920	1961-65
Armstrong	1833	1928-29
Baldwin	2195	1929-31, 1950-52
Balmerino	615	1906-50
Bellhampton	1477	1912-19, 1929-30, 1949-57
Binscarth	506	1906-59
Birdence	1915	1921, 1924-29, 1931-59
Birdtail	1263	1957-60
Blair	142	1912-13, 1920-46, 1950-64
Boleslaw	1273	1907
Bosshill	430	1906-65
Braddock	804	1908, 1919-20, 1922-33, 1936-44
Bradwardine	1307	1906-08, 1912-68
Brawn	889	1955-58
Brightside	849	1960-67
Centre View	858	1924-59, 1928-33, 1941-46, 1949-50
Chmelnyski	1494	1911-64
Clanwilliam	178	1886-94, 1899, 1901, 1948-51, 1957-67
Clarke	2278	1937-39, 1942-62
Clear Lake	2135	1926-62
Clifford	804	1908, 1919-20, 1922-33, 1936-44
Coldwell	1547	1911-59
Cracknell	2042	1921-67
Craigie	908	1906-45
Dalby	2103	1924, 1928-32
Daly Union	193	1907-09, 1912-51
Elkwood	1607	1915-43, 1953-59
Elphinstone	196	1914-60
Erickson	1366	1906-60
Flower	1843	1918, 1921-48, 1954-60
Foullard	(Special)	1950-52, 1955-56, 1959-62, 1965-66
Fraser	1301	1947-67
Glen Elmo	2194	1929-65
Glenmonia	1490	1932-33, 1938-65
Grey	1356	1944-68
Griffiths	1736	1927-28
Hargrave	482	1918-35, 1938-68
Harrowby	603	1906-22, 1926-40, 1943-67
Hazelwood	217	1910, 1914-68
Hebron Moar	1657	1924-26
Hillside Colony	2360	1959-68
Hranko	1264	1907-18, 1920-53
Iris	1920	1918-62
Jack Fish Lake	1367	1907-17, 1921-40, 1944-58

# School District Attendance Registers (Cont'd)

Joslin	499	1893-1902, 1906, 1912-54
King George	1242	1907-09, 1913, 1917-59
Lakelet	229	1893-1966
Lake Mary	1739	1928-30, 1960-61
Leifer	1561	1930-34
Lima	1445	1912-67
Little Saskatchewan	134	1952-59
Londonderry	1151	1933-68
Lorndale	228	1925-26
Martindale	1457	1942-43- 1946-56
Mayville	375	1958-65
Mellonville	2059	1921-23, 1926-64
Millwood	507	1967-68
Minnedosa	232	1907-60
Minniska	556	1907-08, 1912-19, 1921-67
Mohyla	1495	1912-14, 1918-19, 1954-63
Montgomery	357	1902-32, 1937-65
Morse	2096	1956-60
Normandin	1824	1922-23, 1930-31, 1935-50, 1956-65
Oakburn	257	1895-1905, 1910, 1916-60
Oak River	253	1917-60
Olha	1243	1912-60
Onanole	2262	1935-65
Pacific	749	1895-98, 1906, 1908, 1912-26, 1930-65
Patterson	2128	1927-30, 1935-45, 1950-65
Perch	2177	1950-54, 1959-60
Portia	2074	1932-34, 1955-57, 1959-64
Prince of Wales	1373	1941-62
Providence	2184	1930-33, 1936-58
Rackham	2123	1925-61
Randale	2148	1955-58
Rapid City	124	1924-69
Reedy Creek	1983	1926-27
Rivers	1484	1909-69
Rosburn	128	1914, 1916-60
Ruska Rawa	1260	1911, 1918-19, 1921-32, 1935-59
Russell	273	1913-60
St. Johns	2193	1929-60
Sandy Lake	1471	1909-60, 1966-68
Scarth	1541	1911-65
Seech	1454	1910-11, 1914-60
Sharman	1705	1949-60
Silver Creek	288	1924-59, 1963-67
Springvale	1205	1931-37, 1946-51, 1962-65
Stratford	814	1910-54, 1957-67
Tarbolton	297	1946-48
Thunder Creek	1455	1917-67
Virden	144	1956-59
Wheatfield	954	1932-39, 1951-55
Whirlpool	2146	1932-57
Wolverine	1809	1917-32, 1940-66
Zaperosa	1468	1926-59

## PICTURE COLLECTION

	1968	1969	1970	Total to Date
Pictures	256	2,673	3,305	45,043
Negatives	125	769	2,739	15,878
Cross References	188	1,506	1,801	30,758
Book References	1	179	92	1,563
Cuts		4	84	500
Slides	2		538	575
Loaned	1,045	3,226	4,575	

This does not include any pictures of the  
Architectural Survey for 1967 - 1970.

## AUDIO VISUAL COLLECTION 1970

### Rape Recordings

“Birth of Manitoba” speech by R. S. Bowles, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba at opening of exhibit at Public Archives of Canada  
6th April, 1970.

“Royal Visit 1970” Ceremony and address to Manitoba Legislature by Her Majesty the Queen 15th July, 1970.

“Special Tribure to Manitoba, CBW, Gren Marsh, and Stan Reynoldson-Blaine from HCJB, Quito Equador” 1970.

### Statistics

	Main Entry	Cross Reference
1969	17	56
1970	4	35

REPORT  
OF  
LIBRARY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
1970







## LIBRARY

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

*Pauline Roseman, Librarian*

The Library of the Department of Health and Social Development is a branch of the Legislative Library which specializes in the fields of public health and social welfare. It is financed and administered by the Legislative Library and is under the direction of the Legislative Librarian. The library's main purpose is to provide services to the staff of the Department of Health and Social Development located throughout the province. Because it is a major source for publications in these special areas services are also available to other government personnel, research workers, social agencies, hospitals, teachers, students and private citizens.

#### Acquisitions

The library not only collects and processes its own material but also acts as a central ordering service for the division offices that require professional literature. These publications are purchased out of their own funds. It should be mentioned that much of the material required by the mental hospitals are books for students in training.

Increasing use is being made of the Franklin Square-Dawson Subscription Service of Toronto for the purchase of periodicals for divisions requiring large numbers of journals. This not only alleviates much library time but also the time spent by the divisions in processing numerous invoices.

A total of 79 books, and 54 pamphlets were purchased for the library and 82 journal subscriptions. The divisions purchased a total of 781 books, 2549 pamphlets and 766 journal subscriptions.

The library is fortunate in that it receives regularly many complimentary publications of current interest from the offices of the Minister, Deputy Minister and the Legislative Library. This year we also received a very large collection of books, papers and journals from the Office of Programme Consultation Services which was dissolved in July. The move of the Manitoba Hospital Commission brought a gift of many hospital journals. Approximately 271 books and reports and 642 pamphlets were received in this manner. Many complimentary journal subscriptions are also received and these numbered 80 during 1970.

#### Reference and Information

Inquiries for information on health and welfare topics increase each year. The demand for information in the following areas was particularly great: income, poverty, cost and standard of living, housing, day care, home care, foster care, homemaker services, family planning, manpower needs in the medical and social services fields, aged, nursing homes, community mental health services, many aspects of environmental pollution, programme evaluation, social research methods, correctional services, health care systems, etc. The library received a record of 2006 inquiries during the year compared with 1437 in 1969.

Specialized reading lists were prepared as requested by staff, some of which concerned the public health nurse and school health, mental retardation, nutrition and diet, foster home care for the mentally ill, halfway houses, etc. Many of the requests for information are received from staff in the rural areas and a regular mailing service is maintained.

### Circulation Services

A total 6532 publications were circulated during 1970. Approximately 3464 readers visited the library and used 19,945 items.

Any student is allowed to use the collection when they require material not held by their own libraries. The primary purpose of a special library is to serve its own clientele and other research workers, its role is to act as a supplement and not a substitute for the services of the college, university and public libraries. It is the feeling that many students do not make full use of their own libraries whose resources are usually quite adequate. Students whose courses are directly related to the collection are allowed to borrow four items at one time. This does not include journals and miscellaneous publications.

The library made 152 interlibrary loans from other libraries and 20 loans were made to other libraries. This includes 14 inter-office loans.

### Cataloguing and Classification

Three hundred and fifty books and government reports were fully catalogued for the library's collection and descriptive cataloguing was done for 189 books purchased by the divisions. Notice is sent to the Legislative Library and the National Library in Ottawa of all new items catalogued.

Some 81 books and 122 pamphlets were withdrawn as old and no longer relevant.

### Activities and Publications

The library provided the material for the prenatal institutes sponsored by the Public Health Nursing Division. Library orientation was given new staff members as well as groups of students from the St. Boniface Hospital School of Nursing, University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene, Technical Vocational School Dental Assistants Course, and Red River Community College Social Welfare Services Course.

Bi-monthly lists of recent additions to the collection were prepared and distributed to staff regularly. A list of all periodicals currently received was also published and distributed.

The librarian attended the Manitoba Library Association meetings and the Medlars Seminar of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. The Manitoba Health Services Commission invited the librarian to their new headquarters to discuss their library needs. The organization of a library by a professional librarian was strongly recommended.

For the first time the library sent several boxes of older volumes of journals into storage at 139 Tuxedo Blvd. A regular practise of this should solve space problems. It is felt that the emphasis on current material is important as we can rely on the retrospective collections of the larger libraries in the area.

Lists of duplicate exchange material for other libraries were prepared and one list of significant duplicate publications was distributed to the rural offices of the Department so that staff could add certain items to their own office reference collections.

### **Staff**

Mrs. Christel Ehrentraut, Clerk-Typist II resigned after three years. She was replaced in November by Miss Gail Williams.



REPORT  
OF  
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES  
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## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

The Honourable Peter Burtniak,  
Minister i/c The Public Libraries Act.

Sir:

Pursuant to The Public Libraries Act, R.S.M. Chapter P220, I present the report of the Director of Libraries for the calendar year 1970.

The history of regional library service in Manitoba dates back only fifteen years. When Miss Marjorie Morley was appointed to the position of Provincial Librarian in 1955, she was at the same time appointed the first Director of Libraries under The Public Libraries Act. She was entrusted with the task of initiating the development of a regional library system in the province. Under her direction the first two regional libraries; The Souris-Glenwood Regional Library and The Russell and District Regional Library were opened in 1958. That date is one of the milestones in the history of library development in Manitoba. There are now fourteen regional libraries serving a population of more than 160,000 people namely:

Boissevain and Morton Regional Library (Boissevain)  
Evergreen Regional Library (Gimli)  
Glenwood and Souris Regional Library (Souris)  
Henderson Regional Public Library (East Kildonan, Winnipeg 15)  
Bibliothèque Régionale Jolys Library (St. Pierre Jolys)  
Lakeland Regional Library (Killarney)  
Morden-Winkler Regional Library (Morden)  
North-West Regional Library (Swan River)  
Russell and District Regional Library (Russell)  
Ste. Rose Regional Library (Ste. Rose du Lac)  
South Interlake Regional Library (Stonewall)  
Southwestern Manitoba Regional Library (Melita)  
Virden-Elkhorn Regional Library (Virden)  
Western Manitoba Regional Library (Brandon)

It was Miss Morley's initiative, energy and leadership that was largely responsible for this achievement in organized library development in Manitoba.

With the establishment of libraries the people of Manitoba are becoming increasingly aware of the important role played by public libraries and librarians in the life of the province. Each time a library is opened it helps the development of a favourable climate of opinion for the expansion and support of library service.

### Library By-Laws

Municipalities may vote on library by-laws once a year at the same time as the municipal elections. The results of the October, 1970, by-laws are as follows: The Town of Steinbach approved the by-law for a regional library - 534 for; 173 against. It had been expected that a referendum would have been held in the Municipality of Hanover but it did not take place. The Public Libraries



Act requires that two or more municipalities pass by-laws before a regional library may be formed. Until at least one more municipality approves a similar by-law no regional library can be established in this area.

### Library Developments

The centennial project of the Boissevain and Morton region was the renovation of the existing library building and the building of a new extension in conjunction with the new Civic Centre. The official opening ceremonies of the library extension and the new Civic Centre took place on July 2nd. Miss Marjorie Morley, Provincial Librarian and Director of Libraries unveiled the Centennial plaque.

The Southwestern Manitoba Regional Library moved to enlarged premises in Melita.

For the citizens of the St. James-Assiniboia and Charleswood area the year of Manitoba's Centennial was outstanding for the major achievements in the expansion of library facilities.

On October 17th official ceremonies were held for the opening of a branch library of the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library for the Brooklands area in the basement of the former Municipal Offices.

An addition doubling the size the Charleswood Public Library was officially opened on October 24th.

A second floor addition to the Main Library of the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library was constructed. To mark the completion of this addition to the library, official ceremonies were held on November 14th during which Miss Monica Dickens, the novelist and great grand-daughter of Charles Dickens, declared the new structure officially re-opened.

Parkland Regional Library Service is a pilot project being developed under the Department of Agriculture's new Agro-Manitoba Social Development Programme in the Parkland Regional Development area of Manitoba, with headquarters in Dauphin. The project is administered by the Parkland Regional Development Corporation. The project will serve 65,000 persons in a 10,000 square-mile area.

The Pas "Special Area": On May 11, 1970, a federal-provincial development agreement for The Pas area of Manitoba was signed by the Federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and the Manitoba Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. This agreement, made under the "special areas" programme of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, provides for a series of specific development projects. Among the projects proposed, there is a capital grant of \$28,000.00 to renovate the old town hall for a public library. This grant represents the first direct federal government grant for public library purposes in our history.



### Services to libraries:

In addition to the monetary grants from the provincial government, the rural regional libraries continue to receive professional and clerical services. Since 1957 the regional library division of the Provincial Library has been responsible for selecting, ordering, cataloguing and classifying books and materials. Sets of catalogue cards are distributed to the libraries for books ordered and for donations. A union catalogue for this centralized service is maintained in the Provincial Library. The statistics for the year are as follows:

	1969	1970
Books ordered for 12 libraries	14,531	10,986
Titles catalogued for 12 libraries	3,862	3,483
Catalogue cards distributed for 12 libraries	60,991	49,582

Supervisory visits were made in the fall of 1970 to the rural regional libraries of St. Pierre, Ste. Rose, Swan River, Russell, Virden, Melita, Souris, Boissevain, Gimli and Morden.

### Staff

Miss Joan Gauer, adult services librarian since August 1962, resigned in July to accept a position of teacher-librarian with the Winnipeg School Board. Miss Gauer carried out her responsibilities in a spirit of dedication far beyond the call of duty.

Miss Gertrude Perrin, formerly of the Provincial Library staff and teacher-instructor of the Library Technician course at Red River Community College has been temporarily employed to carry out the professional responsibilities for the adult services.

Mrs. Lucille Warren, children's librarian since July 1968, resigned in May. Miss Patricia Young was appointed children's librarian in August. She had previously been in charge of the Children's Department, Port Arthur Public Library for a period of four years.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the staff for their co-operation during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clementine Combaz*

Acting Director of Libraries.





